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Climate change and children's health: Protecting and preparing our youngest

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Abstract:

Climate change is expected to bring increased frequency and intensity of rainstorms, snowstorms, heat waves, and other extreme weather events. Numerous studies indicate climate change is already contributing to a greater overall burden of disease. A new review uses a children's health framework to summarize the latest data on the projected increasing burden of climate change–related disease for children [EHP 119(3):291–298; Sheffield and Landrigan]. The authors also discuss prevention strategies they believe should be incorporated into public health programs.

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Resource Description

Exposure : ☒

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

 Unspecified Exposure

Geographic Feature: ☒

resource focuses on specific type of geography

 None or Unspecified

Geographic Location: ☒

resource focuses on specific location

 Global or Unspecified

Health Impact: ☒

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

 General Health Impact

Mitigation/Adaptation: ☒

mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource

 Adaptation

Population of Concern: A focus of content

Population of Concern: ☒

populations at particular risk or vulnerability to climate change impacts

Children

Resource Type: ☒

format or standard characteristic of resource

Policy/Opinion

Resilience: ☒

capacity of an individual, community, or institution to dynamically and effectively respond or adapt to shifting climate impact circumstances while continuing to function

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Timescale: ☒

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified

Vulnerability/Impact Assessment: ☒

resource focus on process of identifying, quantifying, and prioritizing vulnerabilities in a system

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